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‘Unmissable’ flexible learning

A learning resources provider is to offer dental professionals groundbreaking solutions to keep the whole dental team up to speed with new developments, at this year’s British Dental Conference.

Smile-on will show visitors a wide range of informative products, at the event being held at Glasgow’s Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, on the 4-6 June. A spokeswoman for Smile-on said: ‘Smile-on’s participation makes the British Dental Conference unmissable for dental professionals. Groundbreaking solutions will show how the latest technology and the greatest expertise combine to make learning flexible, convenient and involving.’

Its products at the event will include the Clinical Photography course.

The course, which is available on CD-ROM or on-line, fits around daily tasks and provides an excellent grounding in digital imaging.

Participants will find the most suitable camera, master perfect clinical shots, unlock ways to keep patients better informed and enjoy robust medico-legal protection.

Delegates should also enquire about the three-module programme Communication In Dentistry: Stories From The Practice, which provides everything necessary to open effective lines of communication with patients and colleagues, promoting success across the board.

There will also be the chance to explore Smile-on’s Clinical Governance programme, enabling total compliance with Healthcare Commission standards, and DNSTART, essential learning for dental nurses.

For more information call 020 7400 8989 or email info@smile-on.com

Murder saga continues

Ms Hickman-Smith owned a caravan at the same site where top dentist Colin Howell had been staying after leaving his luxury home in the seaside town last year. 

A police spokesman said their investigation remained focused on the double murders but ‘a number of lines of enquiry are being conducted into a range of other issues and events’.

Howell has also been charged with sexually assaulting a number of women.

He is accused of four counts of indecent assault on a woman and of unlawfully applying a stupefying or overpowering drug in order to commit an indictable offence.

Last month, at least 200 letters were sent to former patients of Mr Howell by police seeking help with their investigation.

Howell, who had surgeries in Ballymoney and Bangor, charged more than £2,000 for each dental implant and treated patients from all over Ireland, Europe and the USA.

Howell is seen as one of the foremost dental practitioners in Northern Ireland.

Dr Howell has lectured at implant conferences in Jordan and tutored final year dental students at Queens University Belfast. He also ran a cosmetic implant course for dentists who wished to restore their own implants.

He was the course tutor at Queens for core teaching of final year dental students on Dental Implants and a mentor for the Association of Dental Implantology (ADI) and the University of Salford Degree Programme.

Over 50’s glamour

There has been a rise in the number of people over 50 getting cosmetic and aesthetic dental treatment.

London cosmetic dentist, Dr Anoop Maini of Aqua Dental Spa, has seen a 65 per cent increase in patients over the age of 50 since last October.

These patients have chosen tooth whitening treatments, dermal fillers or Botox, despite people being more strapped for cash in the recession. He revealed that many patients who have cosmetic dental treatment will also have fillers or Botox to improve the appearance of the area around their mouth.